

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Adenauer's
Triumph

FOR more than two years after the EDC was signed in 1952, the world watched anxiously yet sympathetically as the French vacillated and procrastinated, hesitant and reluctant to take the irrevocable step that would commit her to acceptance of Germany as an equal partner in the European Defence Community. Last year the French Assembly abandoned the treaty and from its ruins, European statesmen at memorable conferences first in Brussels and then in London hopelessly salvaged the ideal of West European Union and remoulded it in the light of contemporary opinion.

In less than five months, European Governments have transformed the despair and gloom that followed the death of EDC into a new hope for the security and defence of Western Democracies. First the French lower house and now the West German Bundestag have given their approval to the Paris Agreement.

NOT without bitterness and acrimony, however. And though a preliminary obstacle has now been cleared and though it appears fairly safe to predict that Western Germany will be rearm as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, the realisation of Western European Union and its success as a defence measure against the Communist threat has yet to be achieved.

The implacable opposition of the Social Democrats based on fears of a permanently disunited Germany has, if anything, gained support in the country in recent months and has drawn dissident elements from the Adenauer coalition to oppose the agreements and to seek instead a new conference with the Russians in an attempt to erase the dividing line between East and West—certainly the line that splits Germany into two hostile blocs.

HERR Ollenhauer, leader of the Western German Socialists is also the alternative Chancellor in the event of defeat of the Christian Democrats. The danger of a Socialist victory is that Herr Ollenhauer has shown himself particularly susceptible to Soviet propaganda and might stop at nothing to achieve German unity even if it meant abrogation of the Paris Agreements and neutralisation of the state.

This is not in itself a reflection of his naivety or political immaturity. It is simply his appreciation of the situation and one that has found echoes of sympathy not only in Germany but in France, Britain and other Western European States where there has developed a pathological fear of the consequences of continued tension.

From Sunday's voting figures in the Bonn Parliament, it would appear that Dr Adenauer's party has achieved at least a temporary triumph but it is a triumph which requires consolidation both in the eyes of the German people and among their Western neighbours. A challenge lies ahead: unless the Federal Republic co-operates fully and resolutely with the Atlantic powers in the defence of the West, the whole structure of the Atlantic Alliance will remain precarious.

Determination to achieve a strong, and united, west must then be Dr Adenauer's pledge in the light of the Bundestag vote.

DEMOCRATS WINNING IN JAPANESE ELECTIONS
HATOYAMA VICTORY IN SIGHT

14 Seats For
Absolute
Majority

Tokyo, Feb. 28.
When the tabulation of results in Japan's general election ended for the night at 4 a.m., today, Premier Ichiro Hatoyama's New Japan Democratic Party was virtually assured of an absolute majority in the new Diet. The Democrats were then 14 seats short of a clear majority.

When 226 constituencies had been counted, the Democrats had won 96 seats, the Liberals 66, Left Wing Socialists 36, Right Wing Socialists 25, and others three.

Although the Democrats were assured of victory, the Socialists of both wings were expected to build up their position when results came in today from the industrial centres.



EX-PREMIER YOSHIDA

Israel
Appeals To
Egypt

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 27.
Israel today condemned Egypt's "refusal to co-operate" and called on Egyptian leaders not to maintain a state of war with her.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Egypt would find Israel a "loyal partner" if she adopted "a policy of constructive deeds and not mere declarations."

He denied accusations three days ago by a spokesman for Colonel Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, that Israel was following "an aggressive and expansionist" policy.

"Does Egypt believe that the Middle East will benefit from its refusal to co-operate with Israel in such vital fields as health, agriculture, civil aviation and war against narcotics," he said.

The spokesman, broadcasting in Israel Radio's Arabic service, called on Egypt to discontinue interference with shipping and in political and economic relations between Israel and other states.

Egypt, he said, should call off her propaganda campaigns of incitement and hatred and "cease to encourage or permit acts of lawlessness by its armed forces or by civilians under its authority."—Reuter.

SHIP'S SOS

London, Feb. 28.
A radio call for help from the Greek steamer Nedon (7,176 tons) about 300 miles southeast of Tokyo, was received in Singapore last night. Lloyd's shipping intelligence reported today.

The Nedon reported she was endangered by the shifting of her steel cargo in a storm. Lloyd's agents in Singapore said.

NSW FLOODS
Evacuation
Of 7,000
People
Ordered

Sydney, Feb. 28.
The government today ordered the evacuation of 6,000 persons from flood-shattered Maitland and 1,000 from Narrabri to avoid an epidemic in the wake of the disastrous New South Wales flood.

Maitland, a city of 19,000 population 16 miles northwest of Newcastle, was without sewerage, any organised sanitary service or drinking water. Narrabri's 3,300 residents were isolated by a seven-foot inundation which swept through the town, stranding 800 persons on rooftops and in trees.

Warren, a town of 1,740 population 250 miles northwest of Sydney, was also cut off when floods along the Macquarie River broke.

The police have reported 80 deaths in the flood today confirmed only 21 deaths, with 18 persons missing and believed drowned. Another 80 persons were listed, missing for three days but were believed safe.

DANGER OF DISEASE
The evacuation of Maitland and Narrabri was ordered because of the danger of disease as flood waters receded, leaving foul mud and animal carcasses in the streets. Drinking water was being brought to Maitland in drums on Army trucks.

The corridors of Maitland Hospital were jammed with injured men and women, and doctors said that the health service was inadequate.

Doctors warned that an epidemic was almost certain if hot weather should follow the floods. Dr C. C. Colvin said physicians already had treated scores of flood victims for acute stomach trouble and noted the hot and humid weather that engulfed Maitland on Sunday.

The Maitland evacuees will be taken to the Treada military camp. The New South Wales government will feed and house them until they can return to their homes, which was not expected to be possible for a month.—United Press.

BRITAIN
TO EXPORT
A-PLANTS

From Chapman Pincher.
London, Feb. 27.

The British government has decided to go all out to supply export demands for atomic plant.

This, it is realized, must inevitably help many foreign nations to make atomic and hydrogen bombs.

Countries like India, Japan and the Argentine may have stockpiles of atomic weapons within ten years for the atomic explosive is a byproduct of the atom power plant.

But the government's advisers have argued that any nation which can afford to buy atomic plant will eventually be able to build their own in Britain or America refuse to supply them.

£2,000 MILLION
While the world waits for international control of atomic energy, Britain could lose an export trade officially estimated as worth at least £2,000 million over the next 20 years.

So the government has provisionally decided to allow British firms to supply all customers outside the Iron Curtain. At first Britain may be able to export some control over atomic explosive by supplying plant and uranium fuel only on condition that the fuel is returned to Britain when it is spent.

Even the danger that some countries may go Communist is likely to be ignored because Russia could supply the equipment.

"Customers have to be supplied on a priority basis," said Sir Robert Clayton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, "and NATO countries will be given preference."

TO MARRY



KING HUSSEIN

Engagement
Of Royal
Couple

Anman, Feb. 27.

The Royal Court of Jordan tonight announced the engagement of King Hussein to Princess Dina Abdel Hamid of the Hashimite Royal Family.

The Princess, who lives in Cairo, is a cousin of King Hussein.

They met in England in 1952, when the 19-year-old King was at Harrow and the Princess, who is two years his senior, was at Cambridge University.

The beautiful Princess has a delicate oval face with finely moulded mouth and hazel eyes. Her figure is lithe and graceful.

At Cambridge she took her Bachelor of Arts degree with honours and she became the first Princess to qualify as a lecturer in English literature at Cairo University.—Reuter.

Two Points
Of View

Washington, Feb. 27.

Senator Kefauver, Democrat of Tennessee, said, in a speech at a Democratic dinner in Cleveland tonight, that the United States should quit talking about defending Quemoy and Matsu islands and pretending that Chiang Kai-shek is the key to blocking the spread of Communism in Asia.

A Far Eastern policy tied to Chiang is almost certainly doomed to fail, and by the time this failure is recognised it may be too late to disengage ourselves without grave loss of prestige," Senator Kefauver said.

In contrast, Senator John Butler, Republican of Maryland, said that British leaders should quit "demanding that we turn Formosa, Quemoy and Matsu over to the Reds and instead stand up and be counted in opposition to further Chinese Communist aggression in Asia."—France-Press.

CAR DESTROYED
BY BOMB

Casablanca, Feb. 27.

A home-made bomb destroyed the car of an American aviator here last night but no one was hurt, the authorities reported today.

Officials said the bomb was very powerful and four other cars were damaged. The aviator, a Captain at the Moroccan air base was not identified.—United Press.

Freeing Of 2 Americans By Peking

Parents Declare
They Have Been
"Brainwashed"

New York, Feb. 27.

The parents of a woman student freed by the Chinese Reds after three and a half years in prison said today she may be posing as a "brainwash" victim to protect her husband and a close friend who still are in Communist hands.

It also is possible that Mrs Adele Austin Rickett, 35, needs medical care to straighten her out, said her parents, Mr and Mrs Harold W. Austin, of suburban Yonkers, New York.

The family of 20-year-old Malcolm Bersohn, released with Mrs Rickett, expressed joy over his release but was reluctant in discussing reports he had been indoctrinated by the Reds. His mother said his last letter read as though it had been dictated by a Communist, however.

"The true story will not be known until he returns home," a spokesman for the family said.

Austin, a construction engineer, and Bersohn, have been working together for months to try to win the release of their children. They have been in contact with the State Department and Austin had planned to make a new appeal for help on a trip to Washington tomorrow.

SON-IN-LAW HELD

His wife said he still may try to see State Department officials tomorrow, to see if they can expedite the release of Walter Rickett, their son-in-law and Harriet Mills, another New Yorker and friend of the Ricketts.

Plummer Mills, Mrs Mills' father, had planned to accompany Austin to Washington tomorrow. His wife said she did not know whether he still would make the trip.

Asked if the release of Mrs Rickett and Bersohn had increased her hopes for her daughter's release, Mrs Mills said:

"One can always hope, but I see no connection between the two cases whatever."

"We were delighted to hear Adele is free but we were not very happy about that report she was brainwashed," Mrs Hazel Austin said. "She will probably need treatment at a hospital for a while."

"She's my daughter and I know very well that what she's saying now she's not responsible for. She's been held three and a half years under that type of Communist pressure."

"I'm ready to shield and protect this child from what is going to happen to her in this country. She has to be given a chance to breathe from this thing. I think she can't help her husband where she is."

"I am ready to do anything I can to help her and have been all along."

MET AT UNIVERSITY

The Austins said their daughter and son-in-law met at the University of Colorado. They were married in 1943, received Master's degrees at the University of Pennsylvania and then went to China to teach English and study Chinese in 1948. They were seized at spies in 1951. The family last heard from Adele in December, when she wrote she was well. Her letters have indicated she had been "brainwashed" or was trying to please her captors, her father said.

The Austins learned of Adele's release in a pre-dawn telephone call from Rickett's mother in Seattle, Washington. Mrs Adele Rickett, 35, said she had been in the Park Avenue home there had been no advance warning her son was to be freed. He wrote a few weeks ago she said but the letter was so full of Communist propaganda she could have been deceived.—United Press.

Man Shoots
His Mother
Then Kills
Himself

New York, Feb. 27.

A 20-year-old former GI, in trouble with the law, shot and wounded his mother early today in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, forced a kidnapped couple to drive him around the State for seven hours, then shot and killed himself as police surrounding his home tried to talk him into surrender.

His mother, Mrs Anna Johnson, 45, a widow, was in critical condition at Perth Amboy General Hospital. She was shot in the chest.

Only last Friday her son, Charles Johnson, had been given until March 11 to re-enlist in the Army or face a jail term on car theft charges.

The Chief of Police, John Ewald, of Perth Amboy, said the trouble started at 1 a.m. today when Johnson threatened to shoot his uncle, Harold Johnson, 32, with a .46 calibre revolver. His mother stepped between them and was shot. It was not known whether the shooting was accidental.

The uncle ran to call the police. When he returned, his nephew was gone.

AT GUNPOINT

At 2:30 a.m. Johnson approached Mr and Mrs A. Lepp West of Rumbolt, New Jersey, as they left a dinner to enter their car.

"Get in the car and let's go," Johnson ordered them at gunpoint.

Sitting in the back seat, Johnson made West drive south. En route, he ordered Mrs West to get in the back seat with him.

At about 8 a.m. West drove to the Johnson home in Perth Amboy where Johnson got out. The Wests called the police.

A few minutes later a detachment of Perth Amboy police led by Captain Charles Candiani surrounded the Johnson home. Two officers talked to him for 10 minutes trying to persuade him not to commit suicide.

Johnson finally put the pistol inside his shirt and appeared ready to give up. But as the officers approached him he pulled the trigger.

He was dead on arrival at Perth Amboy Hospital.—United Press.

Blucher To
Resign, Report

Bonn, Feb. 27.

West German Vice-Chancellor Franz Blucher intends handing in his resignation to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer tomorrow. It was believed in well-informed Bonn quarters tonight.

They said Herr Blucher, who is a Liberal Democrat, had decided to resign from the Government because of his disagreement with his Party's majority over the Saar accord.—France-Press.

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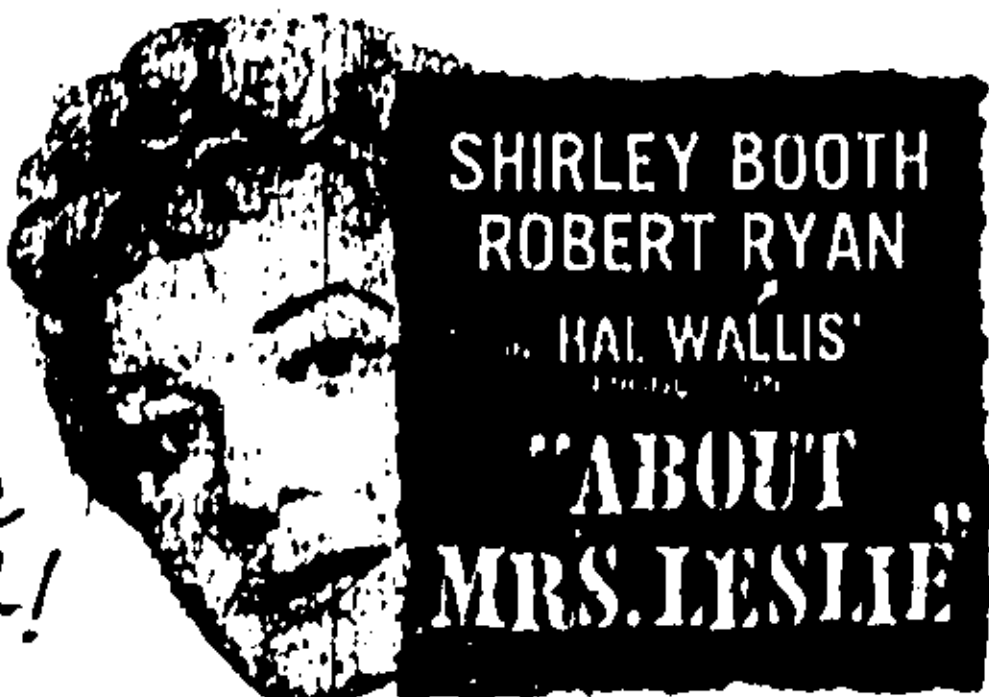
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No Eden-Dulles Rift Over Word Communism

FORMOSA WILL NOT COME INTO SEATO

Calcutta, Feb. 27.

Formosa figured in Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation deliberations at Bangkok, though somewhat indirectly, and there was no move to include Formosa within SEATO, Premier Mohammed Ali of Pakistan said here this evening en route to Karachi from the recently-concluded conference.

There was no conflict between the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, over the use of the word "Communism" in the SEATO communique, Mr. Ali said. Such a rift had been reported earlier.

SEATO is intended to resist all aggression in its area.

MAIN THREAT

"Though international Communism is the main threat, the possibility of non-Communist aggression is not ruled out," he explained.

Mr. Dulles' view regarding the use of the atom bomb, Mr. Ali said, is strictly personal.

"I do not think the atom bomb is an indispensable part of modern defence, though it is a useful deterrent," he added.

Mr. Ali said India would benefit from SEATO because the organisation, protecting India's neighbouring States from aggression, must help Indian defence indirectly.

The Pakistani Premier thought the extension of SEATO to Indo-China would not violate the Geneva agreement on that country. He refused to answer a hypothetical question as to what SEATO would do if the Dutch attacked Indonesia.

Restoration of parliamentary government in the Eastern wing of Pakistan has been delayed due to a recent rift in the Leftist United front, which holds a majority in the East Pakistan Legislative Assembly, Mr. Ali said.

Regarding a proposed meeting of himself and the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, on the state of Kashmir, Mr. Ali said, "I hope for a settlement, because psychologically the present climate is most congenial for discussions." But he declined to say he was optimistic.

"In the past I always said I was optimistic regarding settlement but later I was disillusioned," he warned.—United Press.

Cairo, Feb. 27.

The Aga Khan and his wife will leave Cairo tomorrow morning by plane for Nice on the French Riviera.

As soon as the Aga Khan arrives at Nice tomorrow evening he will leave by car for his villa at Cannes, where he hopes to stay until June. He will later visit Paris.—France-Press.

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GARY COOPER



ACADEMY AWARD WINNER
"ALONG CAME JONES"



The 53-year-old Duke of Leeds and his 23-year-old bride, former Miss Caroline Vacher, who were married in Jersey, Channel Islands on Tuesday. Miss Vacher is a portrait and landscape artist.—Central Press Photo.

RED DEAN SPEAKS AT RALLY FOR NEWSPAPER

London, Feb. 27.

The Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, today declared that Communist China would be operating nuclear power plant as soon as Britain.

No Long-Term Mission Says Envoy

Saigon, Feb. 27.

M. Henri Bonnet, France's delegate at the Bangkok Conference, denied here today that he had been sent to Indo-China with a long-term mission.

He told Agence France-Press that he was "particularly happy" to take advantage of an invitation from the Vietnam Premier, Mr. Ngo Dinh Diem, following the Bangkok talks, the decisions taken, he added, would strengthen security in Southeast Asia.

M. Bonnet said he would be pleased to inform Mr. Ngo Dinh Diem of these decisions, and had been asked by his own Government to do so.

M. Bonnet, who recently retired from the post of French Ambassador to Washington, paid a tribute to the Vietnam Government's efforts to overcome its difficulties and expressed "the deep emotion felt in France at the sacrifices agreed to by hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese, who preferred to see (from North Vietnam) rather than lose their freedom."

The Vietnam people, M. Bonnet said, could be assured of the French Government and People's sympathy in their trials and of France's desire to give them effective help.

M. Bonnet, who arrived in Saigon today, said he would spend 48 hours here and, after having a meeting with General Paul Ely, the French Commander-in-Chief, he would have talks with Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and General Lawton Collins, President Dwight Eisenhower's special envoy.

M. Bonnet will then go to Vientiane (Laos) and Phnompenh (Cambodia) to inform the two Governments on the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation Conference in Bangkok. He will leave Saigon for Paris on Sunday next.—France-Press.

The Dean, speaking at a rally to mark the 20th birthday of the London Communist newspaper, the Daily Worker, said Britain was to spend £20 million a year on atomic power stations, but "£1,500 million a year for atomic war."

He said: "I guarantee that China will be the equal—or even before us—with her atomic stations. Before we have even the first station built, the Soviet Union has her atomic power plant working for industry—and has given it to the world."

The Dean, who is 80, said Russia was producing large numbers of technicians even in what were the most backward parts.

"The atomic age is the age of the ultra scientists. The Russians have got them—no wonder that America is getting disturbed," he said amid the loudest applause of his speech.

Dr. Johnson said the Russians "can be the most appalling enemy—they can also be the most magnificent friend."—Reuters.

PINK LIGHTS FOR SOLDIERS

London, Feb. 27.

An army barrack block with pink shaded bed lights, curtains, cream and blue painted walls, bedside mats and central heating has been opened at the headquarters of the East Yorkshire Regiment at Beverley.

The ceremony was carried out by Lieutenant Colonel Peter Clifton, a direct descendant of the man who founded the Regiment nearly 300 years ago when soldiering was really rugged.

The building, costing £5,000, will be home for 22 lucky soldiers who will get a preview of living conditions in the army of the future.

As well as wash basins and mirrors, it has showers, a heated drying room, and a special tiled room for cleaning equipment. There is also a sitting room with easy chairs and a fireplace.

The two N.C.O.s in charge of the block each have their own room—China Mail Special.

Paul Claudel Lying In State

Paris, Dec. 27.

The mortal remains of the poet, author and diplomat, Paul Claudel, were this evening placed in the great forecourt of the floodlit Cathedral of Notre Dame here.

The catalogue was draped with a long tricolour, while Republican Guards in full dress mounted guard. Wreaths and bunches of flowers were clustered at the base of the catalogue, past which many Parisians filed, in spite of the intense cold, some to lay simple bouquets, some a wreath from an official body or a literary group or a religious association.

The late Paul Claudel's state funeral is taking place tomorrow.—France-Press.

Strengthening Of Balkan Alliance

Ankara, Feb. 28.

The Foreign Ministers of Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia meet here today to discuss ways of strengthening the Balkan alliance they set up six months ago.

The two-day conference is expected to result in a decision to set up a Balkan assembly, in which some 20 members of parliament from each country will meet periodically to discuss Balkan affairs.

Mr. Koca Popovic of Yugoslavia and Mr. Stephen Stophanopoulos of Greece, arrived here today.

Together with Dr. Fund Koprulu of Turkey, they will also consider projects designed to strengthen economic, technical and cultural relations between their peoples.

Another topic that will be covered in their review of the international situation will be the impact of recent changes in Russian government leaders on the Balkan pact.

The possibility of Italy joining the alliance may be dealt with, but it is understood no formal decision will be reached at this meeting. A communique will be issued after the talks.—Reuters.

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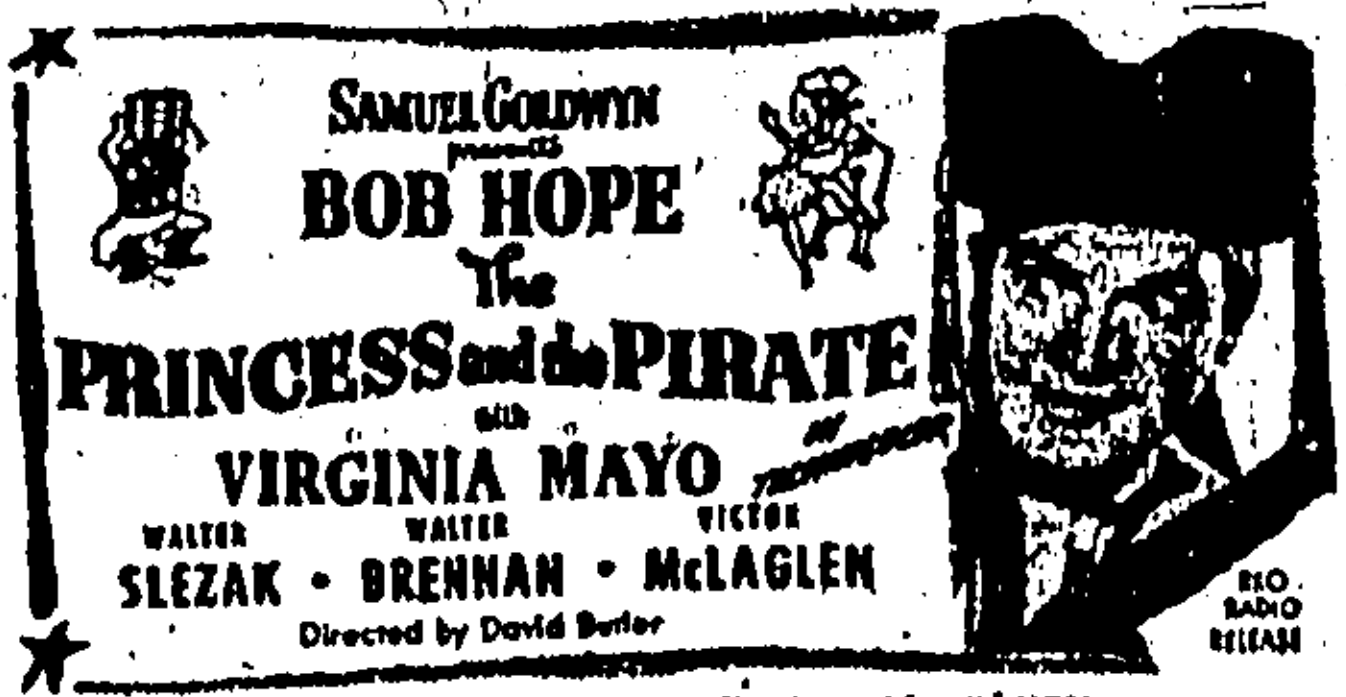


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THESE ATOM MEN FIGHT FOR LIFE

By Les Armour

OUT in the English countryside, on the edge of the Chiltern hills, a handful of men are fighting an atomic war. But there are no bombs, no deadly flashes, no muti-killing radiation. The war here is a war against disease and a fight to wrest from nature some of her deepest secrets.

The battle field is a collection of ordinary looking single-storey brick buildings surrounded by a low wire fence. A single "security" guard stands by the gate. No one wears the "space suits" imaginatively attributed to atom scientists. No one looks particularly worried.

Yet to the Atomic Energy Authority's Radio-chemical Centre at Amersham come many of the vital ingredients which might, under other circumstances, have been parts of atom bombs—and here, perhaps, is more valuable than the know-how for putting together H-bombs.

It could be more valuable—perhaps more vital—because the work which is being done there may one day yield the tools with which biologists can rack the central secrets of life itself.

Still, it goes on quietly and with little overt drama.

Earns Money

THE Radio-chemical Centre, oddly, is also a business corporation—a bustling concern which shows a profit on its balance sheet and earns money for Britain around the world.

Fundamentally, it is a pretty prosaic business. Radioactive matter from Britain's atomic piles, most of it "waste matter," comes here to be processed into usable products.

Strontium, for instance, is made into compounds which will later become luminous dials for watches. Caesium is here made into radioactive tools with which industrialists can detect flaws in the hearts of vast metal castings. These are powerful elements, by-products of the separated nucleus of the uranium atom, which have a "half-life" of more than 30 years. They will do their jobs efficiently for that length of time without wearing down.

Then there is short-lived but vital radioactive phosphorus and radioactive iodine. The elements are shipped from Amersham to the atomic piles, made radioactive, and brought back to be forced into the powerful weapons of modern medicine.

They have an effectively active life of little more than a week. That means they can be planted in the human body where they swiftly root out cancerous growths, then vanish before they can go on to do

serious harm. From Amersham, they go to the far corners of the earth, as fast as modern transportation can take them.

All these and dozens more are in constant and growing demand. And Britain is so far ahead of the rest of the world in research of this kind that there is little competition to face.

But the most fascinating of Amersham's activities are huddled together in a tiny cream-coloured building in one corner of the site.

Life Secrets

It is here that Dr J. R. Catch and a team of untiring researchers are probing the secrets of life itself.

Their activities are strange to the uninitiated. Radioactive tobacco plants, algae fed on a solution of radioactive carbon isotopes, and even food for chickens with minute quantities of radioactive isotopes are grown and manufactured here.

The idea, in fact, is quite simple. The activities of the new matter of life, the tiny cells of protoplasm, are still a mystery. Exactly what goes in, how and when it is absorbed, and how cells are built up are still mysteries.

Until they are unravelled, both biology and medicine must continue to stumble in the dark. But the atom has brought the possibility of a solution. An organism fed on a tiny quantity of radioactive substance will not suffer. But the radioactive matter can be traced at every stage of its movement through the organism.

Dr Catch's business, then, is to produce "tracer" elements. That is not quite so simple as it seems. Carbon is the basic stuff of all life. But raw carbon—much less the radioactive isotope of carbon, carbon 14—is not very useful.

It has to be processed into the kinds of things organisms actually use—proteins, starches, sugars and the like.

Giant Strides

SO Dr Catch has worked out a series of ingenious ways to effect the conversion. Algae fed on a solution of radioactive carbon will utilise every last atom of the stuff. Tobacco plants will do the same.

The whole plant or the whole algae can then be fed to the "test" organism. But even that is not good enough. The biologists want it more refined. They want radioactive proteins or even radio constituents of protein (amino acids).

Dr Catch and his men have laboriously worked out separate processes and done jobs most people would have thought impossible a few years, or even a few weeks, ago.

It is a doubly difficult job because, after all, radioactive matter is dangerous. Radiation kills as effectively as a bomb, anyone who gets too much of it or even a relatively small amount too often.

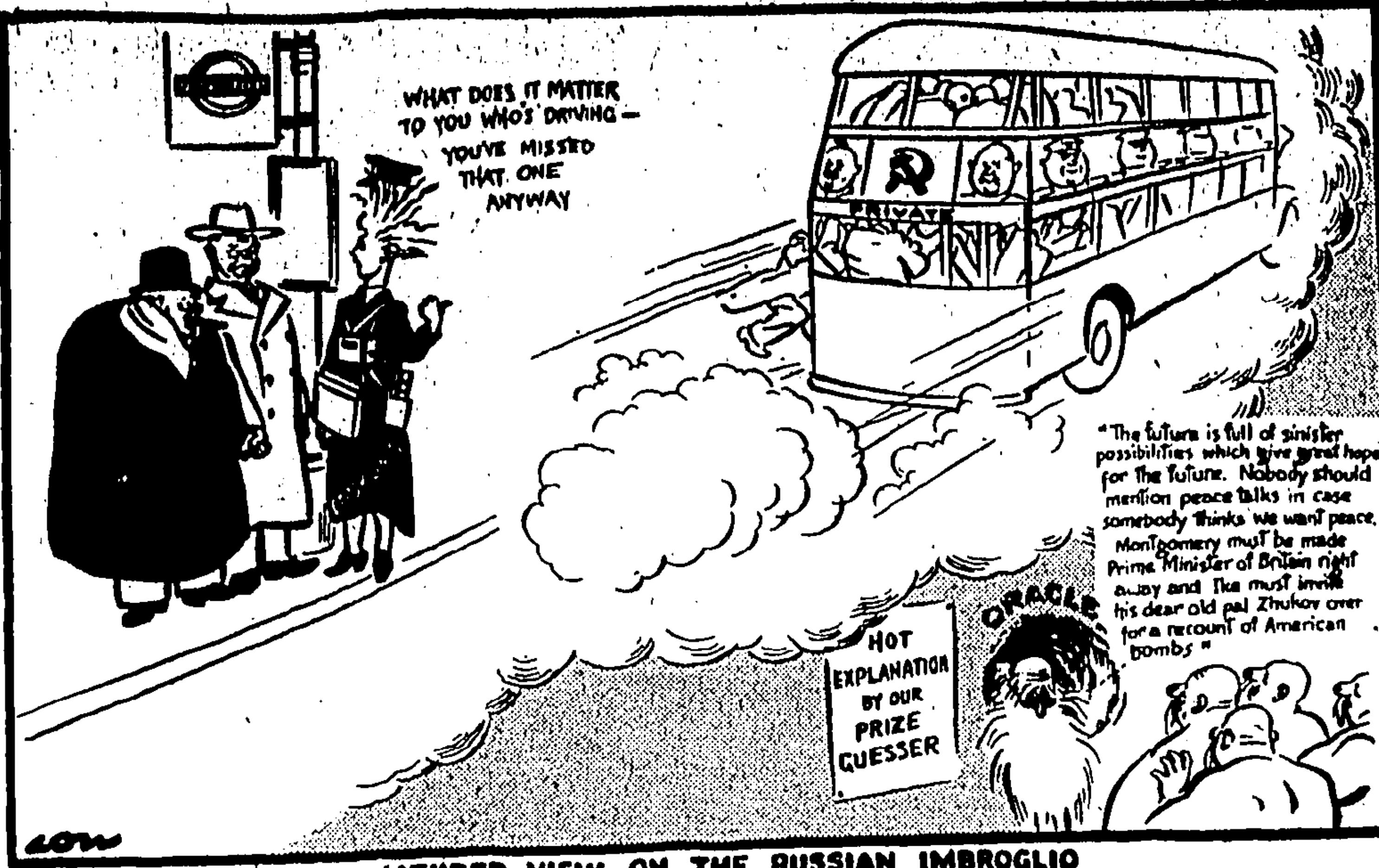
Lead, concrete, and thick lead glass surround the processes throughout the plant. No man touches any of the matter. It is shipped in and out in thick lead pots and tanks.

Every mechanical operation must be done by remote control. Every machine must be so efficient that it will work for months without being touched—and there are many machines now that radio-chemistry has become a business conducted on an international scale.

Men, too, must be checked and tested to see that no chance radiation has affected them, and buildings must be inspected regularly with ticking Geiger counters.

But Amersham is forging ahead with giant strides. Four new buildings filled with new machinery were opened recently. Four more are in the advanced planning stage.

The atom men who fight for life rather than death are losing no time.



MATURED VIEW ON THE RUSSIAN IMBROGLIO

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Hungary is the first Iron Curtain country to open its frontiers to British tourists—and today Page Four takes you there on a pre-holiday trip

HUNGARIAN Rhapsody in Blues

By RALPH HEWINS

WHAT is life like in Budapest? What is there to see? What are the people wearing? What are they talking about?

Well, there is the girl shown here. Anny Olah, never expected to find that much glamour here. But here is a girl who is putting the "Och!" back in Budapest.

I would name her, at 18, as successor some day to Zsa Zsa Gabor and Eva Bartok, the Hungarian-born Hollywood stars.

She is outstanding in this gaudy, drab, and unpainted Iron Curtain capital. She wriggles in a grass skirt at the "Budapest" night club, known to pre-war tourists as "Moulin Rouge."

The Budapest is crammed from 10 at night to five in the morning.

The majority of patrons are no worse dressed than people in London nightclubs. There are presentable lounge suits, sometimes flannels. And there are plenty of crew haircuts and drainpipes.

Budapest. The women are mostly in skirts and blouses of different colors. Perhaps they wear artificial pearls or earrings.

But there is a proportion of neat little black dresses—the English woman's traditional stand-by.

For smuggled copies of Vogue and Harper's Bazaar have long been studied with fanaticism in Hungary. The drab workaday style exalted by Soviet propaganda is on the way out.

Cheeky Hats

YOU will find an outbreak of cheeky hats perched on the top of the head, colourful belted scarves, unworkmanlike gloves, overwork shoes, and other accessories.

There is a ready market for British, French, or American lipstick, nail varnish, eyebrow pencil or face powder at £3 on the black market.

"Darling" fobles like these were reserved until recently for artists from the entertainment industry, barmaids, and dance hostesses. Other women, including the wives of officials, strove not to make themselves conspicuous. It was safer that way.

Bobbysoxers were, for years, roundly condemned by Press and radio, and lampooned as degenerate vices. Some were given hard labour or deported into the wilderness.

But now you see Audrey Hepburn fringes, horsehairs, and pebble hair styles all over Budapest.

The main obstacle is no longer ideological but financial. A cotton dress costing 5gms in England is £16 here; a plastic handbag obtainable for £22 in London costs £10; a 3gm pair of dry or evening shoes, £12.

Wages do not match those prices. Nor do the anti-like conditions on trams and buses or the filthy streets.

It is worse in London and there has been no price war over soap flakes.

The Toast

AN official said to me: "We still want to exalt the working women because work is the main purpose in life. But we admit we have been too over-zealous in banning Western ideas in the past."

The tumultuous reception given to Britain's figure-skating star, Eric Hebert, in the European championships helped to show the officials just how wrong they were.

Thousands scrambled to see her dance on ice. She was bowled over by fans and had to be rescued by the police.

Having appeared as cover girl of the sports magazine, she had become the toast of the town. The masses had seen nothing like her for years.

Budapest, it is crazy. Variety, says like the one in the picture, above, were officially encouraged by the State.

But the picture itself is banned. Why? Because "it ridicules jazz."

What a resounding victory for rhythm over Communist dogma.

I discussed this switch with several high-ups in the Hungarian Government and they all admitted they had "completely misjudged youth and its passion for light entertainment."

For ten years Communists have been telling all children from the age of six that jazz is immoral and degenerate.

But still Hungarian boys and girls (and grown-ups) will have rhythm, and there is nothing the Communists can do about it.

Millions of Hungarians listen in to Western radio stations instead of the strictly "cultural" and political Communist programmes.

Even the Hungarian Foreign Office chauffeur who drove me home alone tuned in to Vienna dance music.

IT'S NOT a scene from an American film. It's a photograph of a trio who sang for Hewins in Budapest... once an anti-jazz Iron Curtain capital...

I do not agree with a Western diplomat in Budapest who considers: "Hungary today is a vast spillkinn in which nothing is sound and which only needs one place to fall out for the whole edifice to crumble. Of all the satellites Hungary is most ripe for Titoism."

One place has moved. But there are still three Russian divisions here.

And what can Hungarians look forward to instead of Communism? They will certainly never go back to feudalism. And they have never known anything else except foreign occupation.

But still the best, best, best of jazz has shown up a chunk in Communist armour.

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PHONE SPIES CAUGHT

New York.

A vast spy-by-telephone network was smashed open in New York City. Police raided a luxury flat—and found a complete wire-tapping exchange and recording equipment.

Detectives believe this may be a clue to the killing of Serge Rubinstein on January 27.

It was the Russian financier's own illegal use of wire-taps which led to the discovery. Detectives on the raid found a man and woman "operators" eavesdropping on private phone calls.

The flat, police said, was just "a part" of an underworld system—"Wiretap Incorporated"—a wholesale crime stranglehold.

In a cupboard were thousands of recorded phone calls. Police were playing back all the seized recordings in the hope that one may include the last phone call made by the murdered Rubinstein.

William J. Keating, of the city's Anti-Crime Committee, said: "Under this system every telephone in the city—there are 4,000,000 of them—could be tapped."

The illegal exchange could be used to get and supply information for anything from divorces to the stock market. Big finance operates it.

CAPTAIN Virgil Daniels, 37-year-old Negro in the air force, was shocked when an official said he could not move into a block of flats on Government housing site near his base at Waverley, Iowa.

The other tenants (all white) will move out," he was told.

The residents are angry, but not with Daniels. They have drawn up a petition of welcome, presented to him by the mayor and the chamber of commerce, and the keys to one of the flats.

They have even paid his first month's rent \$64.

Says Mayor Willard Osincup: "Waverley (pop. 5,214) is a friendly town and we welcome anyone who would like to be part of our community."

Captain Daniels, his heart warmed, can move in as soon as he likes, with his 27-year-old wife Inez and three children.

DICKIES STEADIES is the nickname for the newest teenage fad—brilliantly coloured matching slacks to show that a couple is "going steady."

The slacks begin as white army twill trousers—a pair for the boy, a pair for the girl. With each double lot is sold a packet of dye, ranging from chartreuse to green, and peacock and evening blue.

Just in case there is a break-up and couples would rather die than be seen dyed together, the packet includes a bottle of dye remover.

I'M JUST A GIRL GUIDE AT HEART, SHE SAYS

By Logan Gourlay

LONDON. I TRIED, but I couldn't convince myself that the lady I was taking to supper was a civil servant.

I could name two leading ladies whom the description fits admirably. But not Margaret Leighton, the chic, sophisticated, the elegant.

Still, she is one of the six stars under contract to British Lion, the company which went into liquidation and has just been taken over by the Government. (It has been suggested that it should be renamed The Gay Recliners.)

So in the strict sense she is a civil servant. She is also an employee of a tax-payer like myself. But, much as I'd like to feel proprietorial about her, I failed to convince myself of that too.

And I would certainly never think of calling her a Girl Guide. Yet that's how she described herself over a pre-supper glass of champagne. Her exact words were: "I'm really a Girl Guide at heart."

Neat, Tidy

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galle two matrons who sat in the front row of the stalls at a matinee last week. They chattered loudly—so loudly that Miss Leighton, on stage, overheard one of their remarks:—"I don't think much of the Leighton woman. Not as young as she used to be, you know. But I like him, Eric... what's his name..."

Miss Leighton also has to contend with dressing-room visitors who say:—"I think your make-up in the second-play is wonderful. Makes you look so old."

Miss Leighton wears no make-up in the second play.

She is still young enough to tell stories like this: "Against herself. According to the reference books, she was celebrating her 33rd on the 26th of this month. I told her my birthday fell on the same date. 'Then we're both Fleece, the fish, you know.' 'But I don't believe in all that astrology stuff.'"

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Night Cap

I HAD now taken her back to the Albany, that quiet residential oasis just off Piccadilly. I followed her up the 70 white stone stairs to her flat, through the hall with the mauve wall-paper and the clothes brush shaped like a cricketer bat on the

"I agree to disbelieve after consulting a text book on divination which says that Fleecena should have peaceful domestic life, ruffled marriages, and that they will be successful as shop-mongers, print-worriers, hospital attendants, or brewers."

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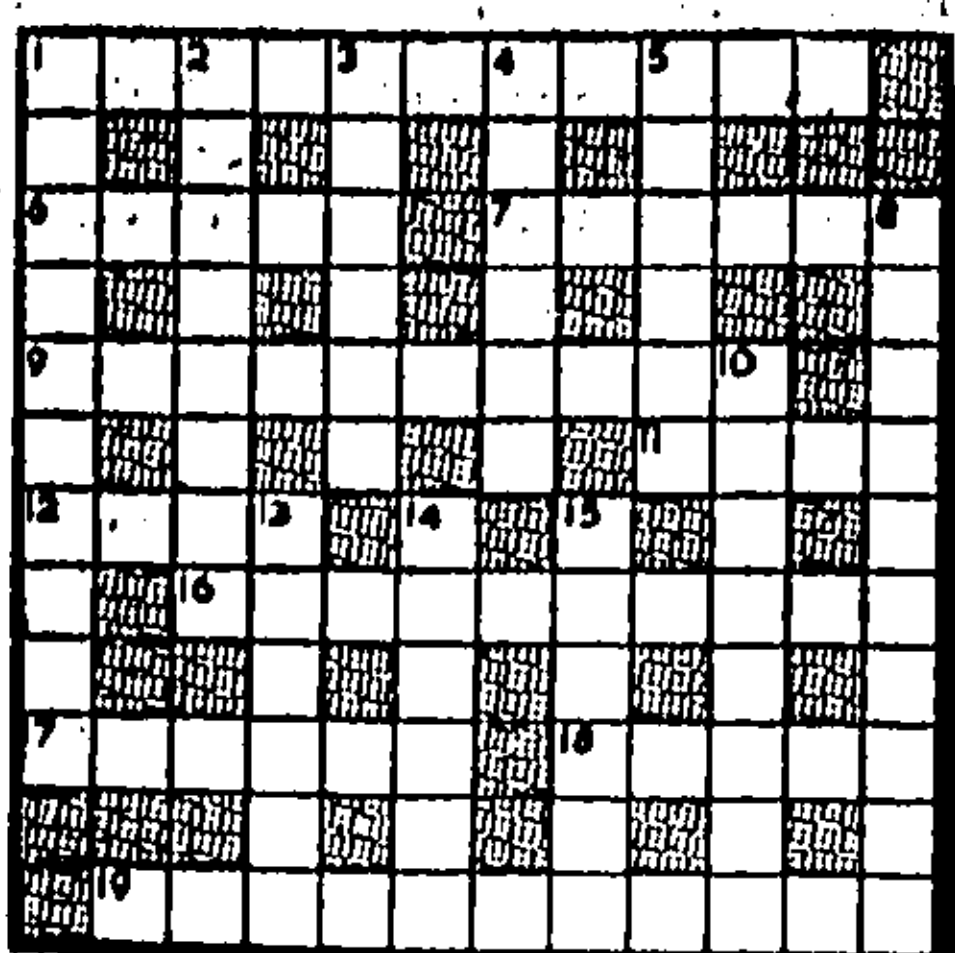
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BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

AN impetuous Frenchman married to the daughter of a very wealthy business man in Clamont-Ferrand where you may see Nantou's statue of Desaix, the hero of Marengo, and Bartholdi's Vergeretor—meets to Miss Marlowe (Monroe)—this Frenchman went to his father-in-law to complain.

"Your daughter," he said, "is behaving disgracefully. Can you do nothing about it?" "Certainly," said the millionaire, watching his son-in-law's face. "I'll discipline her at once."

Oh, I say, look here!

THE man who threw a meringue at the waiter in a restaurant the other day "received it back so quickly" that he was "too late to dodge it." Evidently, says Jolly Jack Hopkins with a light laugh, it was what is called a boummerine, a very Australian delicacy. As the manager of the—said to his head waiter, who was getting a rowdy customer with a system. "If you're going to throw the food about, please throw something cheap."

When Nelson wore two hats
 THEY say that relics of Nelson are so plentiful that you could

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

BORN today, you are basically a dreamer, and are always reaching for the absolute perfection which you will probably never find. Your ideals are apt to become human possibilities since you want everything possible. You may sometimes think you have attained this, you will always discover, at the last moment, some little thing that needs correction. With you, a job is never finished. It goes on and on.

You may find difficulty in adjusting yourself to a materialistic world but if you will strive to cultivate a more practical point of view, you will eventually be able to make a real success and your mark in life—even though you may never be completely satisfied. This restless desire to express itself in a desire for travel in your early years—and for philosophical inquiry during the latter part of your life. You are always asking "why?"—and searching for an answer to satisfy you.

Among those born on this date are: Mary Lyon, educator; Ben Hecht, author; Wilfred Grenfell, medical missionary; says Alden Carpenter, composer; and Ernest Rhenan, theologian and historian.

FEBRUARY 28—If you were born on Leap Year Day, your actual birthday is not until once every four years, but your basic characteristics are likely to differ in degree from those born either the

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If in a position where you give instructions to others be sure that you are exact and explicit.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Gather with a group of friends whose cultural interests are similar to your own and you will benefit.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—There is great satisfaction in taking care of important detail work yourself, unless there is someone very reliable at hand.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Take a positive and happy attitude toward all that happens today and you will be well rewarded.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Have a cautious look ahead! Act only on facts and avoid all rumors.

L. T. O. (July 24-Aug. 23)—Make full use of all your capabilities on the job at hand. You can make a substantial advance now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Pay no attention to gossip. It can be as critically wrong and bring such unnecessary heartache.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Extravagance is not the thing, just moderation and saving. Pay no attention to gossip. It can be as critically wrong and bring such unnecessary heartache.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Think carefully before you speak out so that you are sure not to be misunderstood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Try to understand the motivations of others and you will not be disappointed in their actions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you are called upon to give help and advice, be sure that you give informed and unbiased advice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't mix business and pleasure. They will eat like oil and water, just now. Keep them separate for best results.

It would appear that Fisher has been here before

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Hand Proves Expert Can Make Errors

By OSWALD JACOBY

EVERYBODY likes to see an expert fall on his nose once in a while, so today's hand should spread a little sunshine. It caused a swing of more than 2,000 points in a recent team match, thus proving that a little luck is sometimes more powerful than a lot of skill.

Both teams got to a quite reasonable contract of seven spades. The skilful declarer went down, but the lucky defender made the grand slam.

First, let's see how the expert played the hand. He won the first trick with the king of hearts and drew two rounds of trumps with the ace and king. Next, he cashed the top diamonds and ruffed a diamond with the nine of spades. West overruffed with the ten of spades, and that was that.

What was so expert about this line of play? South wanted to make thirteen tricks without guessing which opponent had the queen of clubs. The nine of spades would be a safe ruff if the diamonds were 4-3 or 5-2. East (instead of West) happened to be short of diamonds, or if

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South	West	North	East
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1 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 N.T.	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
5 N.T.	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
7 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 10			

the player with short diamonds had only two tricks instead of three.

The odds were far better than 2 to 1 that South would ruff safely with the nine of spades, whereas the odds may be only about even on guessing which opponent has the queen of clubs.

South would be practically home if he got by with the nine of spades. He would lead a heart to dummy's queen, ruff the last diamond with the king of clubs and enter dummy with the king of clubs to draw the last trump with the jack of spades.

Now South could take the ace of clubs and discard dummy's last club on the ace of hearts. Dummy would win the thirteenth trick with the last trump.

South might still run into trouble if the player with the last trump managed to ruff the queen of hearts or the king of clubs.

The lucky declarer won the first trick likewise with the king of hearts and drew three rounds of trumps. He next cashed the ace and jack of hearts, discarding a diamond from dummy. As it happened, although this could not have been foreseen, East discarded on the third round of hearts.

Declarer next cashed the top diamonds and ruffed a diamond. By this time it was clear that West could hold only two clubs, and South therefore decided to play East for the queen of clubs. This play worked, and South therefore made his slam.

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

West North East South
 1 Dmd. North East South
 1 Dmd. Double 1 Spade ?

You, South, hold: Spades J-9-8-4, Hearts 7-3, Diamonds Q-3-2-4, Clubs K-Q-3. What do you do?

A—Double. This is, of course, a penalty double. North should have good games as part of his takeout double, and East should be trapped between two good hands. If East has a psychic spade bid, your double will smoke him out. You will then be ready to do some more doubling if East runs to diamonds or clubs; and the chances are that your partner can take care of hearts.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades J-9-8-4, Hearts 7-3, Diamonds Q-3-2-4, Clubs K-Q-3. What do you do?

Answer: Double.

WOMANSENSE

Cocktail Dress With Easy Waistline



This cocktail dress by Jean Lanvin is called "Hamlet". It is made of black silk jersey and organza. The headpiece is of black tulle. — Agence France-Press.

REVERSIBLE KITCHEN CABINET DOORS

YOU can add more colour to the kitchen with new storage cabinet doors which can be decorated as you wish. They're the idea of one kitchen equipment concern which makes the gliding doors in either textured glass or in perforated or plain hardwood.

The doors may be painted on one side to match walls, on the other to blend with counter tops. Or, they may be covered with wallpaper or plastic on one side, and painted on the other. When the housewife tires of one colour, she lifts out the doors, fastens the handles to the other side, and slides the new colour door into place. — United Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Absent-Minded Author

—He Can't Remember What He's Writing About—

By MAX TRELL

THERE was a little old man who lived behind the bookcase in the Playroom. For a long time no one knew his

name and hardly anyone ever saw him. He always seemed to have a lot of work to do, sitting at his desk and scratching away on sheets of paper with a long pen.

Absent-Minded

He had white, wispy hair, a long mustache that hung down over his mouth, and he always wore a pair of very thick eyeglasses.

Knaft and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, noticed that every now and then this strange little old man would come walking out from behind the bookcase and start looking around the room as though he had lost something.

"Did I leave my bottle of ink here?" everyone would hear him say in a low scratchy voice. "Oh, now I remember, I left it in the drawer of my desk." And he would hurry back again.

Or sometimes it would be his pen that was missing and which he would suddenly remember was stuck behind his ear. Or else it was his pen wiper or his

blotter or his eraser or his eyeglasses or something else that he always remembered he had left some other place.

Question of Identity

"But who is he?" Knaft asked Mr. Punch one day, after the old man had come out from behind the bookcase looking around worriedly for his calendar. Only to remember suddenly that he never had one. "And what is he doing behind the bookcase?"

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Hard Work And Happiness Is The Orient Formula

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Take the unswerving faith of four directors. Add a grand bunch of loyal players, piloted by soccer's friendliest manager, a club spirit yet to be equalled, and a supporters' organisation second to none. There you have Leyton Orient, the happy family of British soccer.

A courageous promotion bid has caused the stirring of faint hearts down Leyton way. Top of the Third Division South they have all London behind them in their fight to reach Division Two.

Yet for years the life-blood of Leyton Orient has been "Faith, Hope and No Charity".

The Faith of directors like Harry Zussman, the man with soccer's broadest grin, even in defeat. The faith of the merry band of directors around him at the end of each season and cheerfully sums up: "We've had a good run." And then this deep into the pockets to furnish the player's summer wages.

The Hope of a valiant band of supporters, who through the year have stuck by their Orient team, come storm and relegation.

And Charity? That begins a time for Leyton Orient. Benevolent President, Fred Young, whose appreciation of the club's efforts is by treating the whole playing staff to the week in the lovely surroundings of the club's hotel.

RIGHT ON THE MAP The sagged determination of these men, combined with the crowd's sense of manager Alec Stock, has in a few short months put Leyton Orient, once a club of the Third Division, right on the map.

It has been a hard fight on and off the field, and still they have no bank balance.

What is it that endears Leyton Orient to fans and creditors alike? Even the Bank Manager is apologetic when discussing the financial question of an overdraft. The Mayor of Leyton is their staunchest fan, the town clerk, a member of their board.

They are a "martyr" club. From President Young to the very last groundstaff, they are a team—everyone a little bit of Orient itself.

SWIMMING RECORDS

Troyes, France, Feb. 27. Gilbert Bozon, the French Olympic swimmer, today beat the world 100 Metres Back Stroke record while competing in an inter-club meeting here.

He returned a time of one minute 27 seconds against the one minute 28 seconds which the American Yushio Oyakawa held the record.

Bozon also broke his own European record of one minute 33 seconds, which had stood as a world best until Oyakawa broke it at New Haven last April.—Reuter.

DUTCH GIRL Ljuiden, Holland, Feb. 27. Netherlands' Mary Kok improved on her own European 100 Metres Butterfly Stroke record for women when she covered the distance in 1 minute 15 seconds here today.

She set up the former record of 1 min. 15.2 sec. on January 26 this year.—France-Press.

AND GERMAN Dusseldorf, West Germany, Feb. 27. Germany's 14-year-old swimmer, Bright Klomp, equalled the German women's swimming record for the 100 Metres Free Style when she covered the distance in 1 min. 0.6 sec. at Solingen, near here, today.

Last night she beat the German women's records for the 200 and 400 Metres Free Style in 2 min. 22.2 sec. and 5 min. 21.4 sec. respectively.—France-Press.

Mike Souchak Wins Houston Open Houston, Texas, Feb. 27. Mike Souchak, who is making a habit of breaking records, due to a seven-under-par 68 today to win the Houston Open Golf tournament's \$8,000 first prize with 273 that broke the Memorial Park mark of 277.

The 27-year-old former Duke University football end turned professional golfer, only a half year ago and won his first tournament, the Texas Open, at San Antonio last week with another record-breaking performance.—United Press.

Budapest Applies For 1960 Games London, Feb. 27. Budapest has officially applied for the 1960 Olympic Games, according to reports today quoted from the Hungarian News Agency.—Reuter.

Budapest has been a good host to the 1956 Olympic Games, and it is hoped that the city will be able to put on a good entertainment.

Despite their financial problems, I think they have done just that. There's something which attracts you to Leyton Orient.

From the moment the confident smile of 17-year-old office boy John Smith greets you at the door and you are ushered into the cosy, rather than palatial, managerial office, you feel at home.

Any lingering doubts are soon dispelled by the warm handshake of Alec Stock. Then you settle down to talk of this and that over a cup of Orient's best coffee, "trussed up" as Stock puts it, from somewhere or other by a still smiling John Smith.

Then you meet Sid Hobbins, the club's chief scout, and Alec's colleague from playing days. "We can't afford such luxuries as scouts stationed up and down the country," Sid does it all from here.

But then Orient have not the facilities or the funds to go in for many talent-finding schemes. "We even had to mortgage our future," when Mr. Butler's catering firm forced us to disband our third eleven," is the Stock complaint.

But they get along nicely with 23 professionals, "cheerful to have a small staff with all first-teamers on top wages, but a large staff at cut prices," says the club's chief scout, Mr. Butler.

What is the Stock formula for success, one which has made them the most successful club in English football? It is quite simple really. And it is the very same plan of campaign followed when this former Charlton and Queens' Park Rangers centre-forward was player-manager of Leyton Orient, the Southern League Club's FA Cup "giant killing" exploits of 1948-49.

Hard work and happiness is the answer. It is as simple as that. No player who wants to leave Orient, whatever the reason, is refused a transfer. Few request a move. And it is easy to understand why.

Continental stuff? Not for Orient. The English climate demands fast, lively, vigorous football, insists Mr. Stock. And that is what the fans get at Leyton Orient. "We insist on a player coming off the park on their knees. Football is a man's game. We won't have anybody at Leyton who won't pull his weight. If anyone wants to play soccer the ladies' way, he can go elsewhere. Luckily the lads feel the same way."

Alec knows routine affairs are in good hands. Secretary Arthur Huggett looks after the paper work. Out on the pitch the players have as their trainer Jimmy Richardson, centre of the "over the line goal" controversy in the 1932 Newcastle-Arsenal Cup Final. Les Gore is in charge of the Reserves, who are also top of their Division in the Football Combination.

Assisting him is player-coach Joe Mallett. "A full-time coach is something else we can't afford," says Alec.

THEIR ROUTINE Orient routine? Monday is day off. Tuesday, that's the day for injured players. "They're the ones who are out of action," says Alec. "Wednesday means relaxation time at nearby Hackney where steam and aerobics baths are laid on. Thursday and Friday: the players finish off with some light training. Those aerobics baths—an under water massage—were also used by Germany before their World Cup victory.

Alec Stock, who as Lieutenant Stock commanded a tank during the war and was wounded in France, is generally modest. Ask him why Orient are doing so well now. He'll praise his directors, his players and his supporters. "They're a really fine bunch."

But never a word about what he himself has done for this once-struggling club. The directors and staff are not so reserved in their praise of the club's achievements. "We want the club to be an established, little going concern," says Stock. "Our aim is to be credit to the Borough and to put on good entertainment."

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ORIENT KEY MEN



Two of the key men behind Leyton Orient's successful run. Welsh international centre forward Billy Rees (left) with manager Alec Stock.—Express Photo.

Food May Have Very Much Less To Do With Success In Sport Than Is Generally Imagined

Says VERNON MORGAN

London, Feb. 27.

How great a part does food and diet play in sport? This age-old question has once again cropped up with a British doctor saying how appalled he was at the miserable amount of food soccer players consumed before a match and a noted American director of athletics declaring that the way Indian distance runners performed so well on a rice diet amazed him.

The London doctor, who for 20 years has been adviser to the West Ham United Club, said he had seen players collapse at the end of a hard 90-minute game through lack of food.

The American director, Brutus Hamilton, of the University of California, said: "The Indians show a fair for distance running which amazed me because their basic food is rice. They have a low protein diet and most of the Hindus do not believe in eating meat."

The writer well recalls an interview he gave to Japanese journalists after the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki during which was asked what he thought could the Japanese do to gain Olympic gold medals. Among the suggestions put forward, with some trepidation, was that perhaps they should pay more attention to diet and the protein content of their food.

It is certainly interesting to note that Mr. Hamilton evidently believes that more meat and less rice would produce better performances. It is noteworthy that the British Marathon runners in the 1952 Olympics said they would probably have done better had they been able to get more juicy steaks (Britain was then still on food rationing) and the only complaints by the competitors, both men and women, that one heard at the Commonwealth Games at Vancouver were that they did not get enough red meat.

The athletes therefore seem to hold the view, rightly or wrongly, that meat goes a long way to producing the fitness they desire. And yet to revert back to the Japanese, they lack speed rather than stamina on the track and certainly in the swimming pool a change of diet could hardly improve their splendid performances.

NEVER HEALTHIER Indeed food may well have much less to do with success in sport than is often supposed. It is very much a question of the individual. What is one man's meat is another man's poison. And it goes for women, too. Vegetarians claim they are more healthy than those who eat meat; heavy fish eaters believe they are fitter than all others and British doctors have declared that the nation was never healthier than during food rationing.

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World's Population Increasing

New York, Feb. 27. The population of the world increased from 2,485 million to 2,547 million between 1950 and 1953, United Nations statisticians reckoned today.

Norwegian girls are likely to live longer than the women of any other country.

Most crowded place in the world is the Riviera pocket state of Monaco — famed for Monte Carlo and its gambling tables — which packs its 20,200 people into an area of less than one square kilometre.

Burma has the annual highest death rate—33.5 for over 1,000 of its people.

The Republic of Ireland is the world's best fed country— with 3,500 calories per head available every day. India (in 1953) was the hungriest with only 1,590 calories a day for the average inhabitant.

These and thousands of other facts, a summary for the kind of conventionalist who likes to import interesting knowledge— are contained in the United Nations Statistical Year Book published today. The information applies mainly to the year 1953.

Other statistics include the following:

Population — Average density of the world's population is 19 people for each square kilometre. Second most crowded spot after Monaco is Macao. At the other end of the scale many places average barely one person to the square kilometre. These include Australia, Canada, Iceland and Libya.

In Norway baby girls have an expectation of life of 72.65 years with Americans, New Zealanders, English, Swedes and Canadians close behind in that order. But coloured girls in the United States have a life expectancy of only 63.7 years against 72.6 years for white American women.

Boys nearly everywhere in the world can expect a shorter life than girls by four or five years.

In 1953 world industrial production (not including Russia, Eastern Europe and China) was about twice as great as in the boom year of 1929. Nearly twice as much freight was handled on the world's railways as in 1929 and over 40 per cent more goods were carried on the world's ships.

Of the 1953 world production (excluding Russia) the United States accounted for 49 per cent of the raw cotton, 36 per cent of coal, 53 per cent crude petroleum, 52 per cent steel, 46 per cent electric energy and 73 per cent motor vehicles.

Western German and Japanese recovery is shown by the fact that between 1948 and 1953 industrial production rose by about 150 per cent in both countries.

Commission To Inspect Air Bases In Korea

Panmunjom, Feb. 27. Major-General Leslie D. Carter, Senior United Nations Command member of the Korea Military Armistice Commission, was officially informed today that the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission had approved three mobile inspection teams. The teams will inspect six North Korean air bases.

Major-General Carter, in a letter dated February 21, had requested these inspections. North Korea, on February 23, had demanded the dispatch of three teams to South Korea to investigate alleged United Nations violations of the armistice terms after rejecting Major-General Carter's request.

Earlier the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission informed Major-General Carter that the inspection of only three of the six air bases had been approved.

In a strongly worded reply, Major-General Carter told the Commission it had no authority to amend his original request. He charged that the long delay between submission of his request and the dispatch of inspection teams had given the Communists an opportunity to withdraw MIG 16 aircraft introduced since the armistice from North Korean bases.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

THE CHANCELLOR'S STICK

N.Y. STOCK MARKET REVIEW

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Feb. 27. Railroad shares duplicated their feat of a week ago and added more than a point to their average price while industrial stocks declined more than 2 points.

The rail gain plus a small rise for utilities left the market just about where it ended a week ago on the general average.

Volume for the market in the January-February period will set a new high for any such time except in 1929.

The main market influence was the London stock market which had been in a decline as traders anticipated a rise in the Bank of England discount rate.

They did not foresee a rise of a full point when the rate was boosted from 3½ per cent to 4½ per cent.

New York stocks had a psychological reaction to the London break and many traders anticipated some new credit curbs here.

TAXATION

New York market experts anticipated no new credit tightening here at least before corporations pay their income taxes next month. That operation is expected to drain the money market for a time.

Other developments against the New York market were a wide break in grains and other commodities with the futures commodity index falling to a new low since December of 1953, and several days of weakness in United States Government bonds.

There were some adverse dividend actions which affected individual stocks, but opposing this was an array of highly favourable earnings statements—records for such companies as American Telephone, General Electric, Westinghouse Electric, Eastman Kodak, Du Pont, and Douglas Aircraft. A long list of others had substantial gains.

Also there were many dividend increases, including Du Pont, Curtis - Wright, Lone Star Cement, International Salt, Hercules Powder, and National Cash Register.—United Press

REPORT ON ASIAN INDUSTRY

Bangkok, Feb. 27.

A report of a study group of small scale industry experts on their visit to Japan published in Bangkok by the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, commends to the rest of Asia many aspects of small scale industry in Japan.

The group, which toured southern Japan in April and May 1954, came to the conclusion that Japanese production techniques in minor industry "could be adopted with advantage in other countries of the region" with any necessary changes.

The Commission recommended the development in Asia of marketing and export promotion technical guidance trade associations, quality marking, rural electrification and finance and credit facilities.

It was emphasised, however, that as the scale on which Japanese minor industry was organised would often be considered too small to be in the West, comparative studies of Japanese and West methods should be set up. It was also suggested that Japanese exports be loaded to countries wishing to set up industries on a scale comparable to the Japanese.

The group included experts and officials from Burma, Ceylon, Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaya, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.—China Mail Special.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local money market at the following rates: 100 Indian rupees (per £1) 147 1/2, 100 Japanese yen (per £1) 127 1/2, 100 Hong Kong dollars (per £1) 100, 100 Singapore dollars (per £1) 100, 100 Chinese dollars (per £1) 100.

Might Have Unintended Effect Of Bludgeon

BANK RATE INCREASE SHOCK

From Ronald Boxall

London, Feb. 28.

Even those who don't like his methods must agree that Mr R. A. Butler, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is a man of exceptional courage. He doesn't wait for adversity to strike but tackles it half way—and with weapons that the ordinary man finds it difficult to understand and therefore mistrusts.

Mr Butler needed all his courage last week. The measure he announced would have been unpopular with a large section of the public even at a time of obvious crisis. But no crisis was evident on a scale that would seem to justify such drastic use of the Chancellor's stick.

It is to Mr Butler's credit that he did not wait for the crisis to become obvious. He could have delayed his measures at least until the February gold and dollar figures, due in a few days' time, revealed the gravity of the situation.

What was it then that Mr Butler saw that made immediate action imperative?

INFLATION

In a word, inflation. At home Britain is consuming at a faster rate than she is producing. Abroad she is buying at a faster rate than she is selling.

To remedy this Mr Butler raised the bank rate for the second time in a month. At 4½ per cent it is now higher than it has been for over 20 years. And he reimposed restrictions on hire purchase.

His object is quite clear. It is to force up the interest rate throughout the economic system and thus make it more expensive to borrow money for purchase of raw materials from abroad and cars, television sets and other "durable consumer goods" at home. In the latter case he has not been content to wait for the upward pressure of interest rates to work its way through to hire purchase deals— which might not happen for a long time if it at all—but has taken the extra precaution of reimposing restriction on the terms of such facilities.

But Mr Butler does not want to cut down home consumption for its own sake. It is the effect that lower consumption should have on Britain's balance of international payments and thus on the external status of the pound—that he is striving to achieve.

A boom that gets out of hand, as Britain's seems to have done, has two immediate effects on the country's overseas trade. It attracts more imports of raw materials to keep the wheels of industry turning at an even faster pace and of consumer goods to satisfy a growing demand for foreign luxuries. And it diverts consumer goods from the export trade to the home market.

This is in fact what has been happening; but the seriousness of the situation was not recognised until the January overseas trade figures were published a fortnight ago.

JANUARY FIGURES

These showed that compared with the previous January exports rose by \$40 million to £248 million, but that imports rose by \$100 million to £332 million. If re-exports are included the "gap" was £73½ million as against an average monthly deficit of only £20 million last year.

A trade gap of the size that opened up last January is unlikely to have been filled by "invisible" exports such as earnings from overseas investments, tourism and so on.

To make matters worse prices of goods that Britain imports are rising faster than the prices of her exports; and this is imposing an additional strain on her resources.

The result of all this is that Britain's balance of payments is in a surplus of about £200 million abroad as she was doing last year, is not at best barely paying her way.

FOREIGN BUSINESS

Such a situation may not make much of an impression on the man who minds a machine in the Midlands or sits at an office desk in London; but it does not escape the notice of businessmen, businessmen who do most of her trade in sterling.

The first sign of weakness in Britain's economic position, in an immediate and drastic sense,

on the external value of the pound. And this aggravates the situation in a number of ways, two of which have become all too obvious in recent weeks.

In the first place the British authorities have had to dip quite deeply into the gold reserves to buy back some of the surplus pounds on the foreign exchange markets and thus prevent the price of sterling from falling below its lower limit of 2.78 dollars.

Secondly the price of transferable sterling—which is the variety most used in international trade—had fallen so low that foreign businessmen were able to indulge in what are known as "shunting" operations. This means that they have been able to buy sterling commodities with pounds, sell them in America for dollars and then convert the dollars back into pounds at a substantial discount on the official rate.

These two factors were having a serious effect on the sterling area's dollar position—how serious will be seen when February figures are published. And quite clearly something had to be done about it.

In the event Mr Butler decided to do three things. He raised the bank rate by one per cent and reimposed restrictions on hire purchase—both designed to cut down home consumption and at one remove, discourage imports and stimulate exports.

And he announced that in the future the Exchange Equalisation Fund—the authority that operates in the foreign exchange markets—to keep sterling within its defined price range—would widen its activities to the transferable sterling markets.

The effect of this move became immediately apparent for within a few hours transferable sterling pounds rose sharply from 2.72 to more than 2.78 dollars. The gap between the official rate and the market rate has thus already been appreciably narrowed and with it the scope for shunting operations and other financial deals involving "cheap" pounds that harm the central reserves.

These economic measures have been generally welcomed in business and financial circles where they are understood and properly appreciated. But the situation will be watched anxiously over the next few weeks for there is a danger that Mr Butler's stick might have the unintended impact of a bludgeon.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Feb. 27. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Feb. 23 reads as follows:

Notes in circulation 1,005,940,575
Public deposits 10,200,810
Treasury bills 1,000,000
Government securities 28,741,233
Other securities 27,300,223
Reserve funds 27,751,171
Ratio 124
—United Press.

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East German, Burmese Trade Agreement

Berlin, Feb. 27. A long-term trade agreement between East Germany and Burma was signed at the Leipzig Fair, the East German News Agency announced today. Burma will exchange rice for German machinery and equipment under a protocol signed at the same time.

U. Thakun Tin, Minister for Rural Nationalisation, signed for Burma, and Herr Kurt Gregor, Secretary of State and Acting Minister for Foreign Trade, for East Germany.

The long-term agreement will provide for the following Burmese goods to be sent to East Germany: spices, cotton, rubber, vegetable oils, silver, wolfram, oil cakes and other agricultural produce.

Burma will receive optical instruments, machine tools and other products. The Burmese delegation was received by Otto Grotewohl, the East German Premier, on the occasion of the opening of the Fair.—France-Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$451,648.70. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

INSURANCES 985
Union 49 1/2
Lombard 49 1/2
Underwriters 10 20

SHIPPING

Waterboat 20 40
DOCKS, ETC.
K. Wharf 70 800 at 7 1/2
Provident (O) 15 70 10 at 10 1/2
500 at 15 500 at 15

LAND, ETC.

HK Hotel 10 30 10 300 at 10 1/2
3000 at 10 1/2
HK Land 0 1/2 67
Sumatran 23 100 at 2 1/2
Realty 2

UTILITIES

Tram 21 21 20
Yamut 183
C Light (O) 17 20 17 20 1500 at 17 30
C Light (N) 14 14 30
Electricity 35 35 2100 at 35 1/2
Telephone 31 100 at 31 3300 at 31

STORES, ETC.

Dairy 21 20 22 500 at 22 20
1000 at 22 10
(N) 20 125 at 20 1/2

COTTONS

Textile Corp 0 45

MISCELLANEOUS

Allied 4 20 3000 at 4 22 1/2

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Feb. 28.

Brokers today quoted to following stock prices:

British Empire Petroleum 31/6d
Consolidated Tin Smelters 30/6d
Ordinary 30/6d
Fraser and Neave Ltd. 8/5
The Siam Cement Co. 8/5
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation (Colonial) 8/5
Malayan Breweries 8/5
Raffles Hotel 8/5
Singapore Cold Storage 8/5
South British Insurance 8/5
Straits Trading 8/5
United Engineers Ordinary 8/5
Wong Lee 8/5
Hongkong Tin 8/5
Feringa Tin 8/5
With div. —China Mail Special.

Bombshell Hits All London Stock Markets

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Feb. 28.

If the rise in the bank rate four weeks ago made little impression on the London stock markets, last week's rise hit them like a bombshell.

The first rise—of half per cent—at the end of January caused only a moment's hesitation before prices resumed their climb. A week later the Financial Times industrial share index reached its all-time peak of 197.5.

But then a fortnight ago January overseas trade figures revealed £73½ million gap between imports and exports and this, taken together with other signs of incipient inflation, led to fears of further action to curb credit and caused the first real break in prices since the share boom began nearly two years ago.

Buyers withdrew from the markets to wait the expected rise in the bank rate—"second half per cent" as it was called. Prices were marked down sharply and although there was no heavy selling the industrial share index lost 10 points to 186.1 and gilt-edged dropped 2.37 to 98.77.

NO CHANGE

The week passed without any change in the bank rate, but prices went on falling until last Tuesday when the industrial share index closed at 178.9 and the gilt-edged index at 99.47.

Then on Wednesday buyers suddenly returned to the market and industrial shares shot up with startling speed. On that day the index regained five points, thus winning back in a few hours more than a quarter of the ground they had lost in the previous two days.

Gilt-edged also improved strikingly.

Those who had predicted the end of the share boom began to have second thoughts. But then came Thursday and the bank rate shock.

The market's reaction to the 4½ per cent bank rate was immediate and dramatic. Among gilt-edged War Loan 3½ per cent plummeted £4 to £80 10s and Savings 3 per cent 1970-88 dropped £3 to £80. These and other losses, ranging to £4 and more, caused a fall in the Government securities index of 3.23 to 99.47.

INDUSTRIALS

Over in the industrial share market prices were slashed as nervous investors hurried to unload their holdings.

In the stores section Great Universal Stores dropped 10s to 43s 9d and Marks and Spencers 6s 3d to 63s 6d; in motors Fords were down 4s 3d to 75s 8d and Rolls Royce 5s 6s to 75s; in aircrafts Hawker Siddeley lost 4s to 40s; in shipping P. and O. deferred slipped 7s to 57s.

The list contained dozens of similar losses, the combined effect of which was to bring the industrial share index down to 177, a fall of seven points on the day and nine points since the previous week's close.

The commodity share markets shared the same general experience.

SOME RELIEF

Friday brought some relief as more courageous investors began to snap up shares at bargain prices and advances of three or four shillings were fairly common. Gilt-edged, too, staged a rally and gains of up to £2 were made.

What is the experts' verdict now that the excitement is over?

One City man thought it was like having a tooth pulled. It was painful at first but then you felt better.

But the most widely heard comment was "now at least the worst is known."

The rise of one per cent in the bank rate—taking it to its highest level for over 20 years—has removed uncertainty, the market's worst enemy.

Already it is being said that the next change will be downward and on this cautiously optimistic note the markets closed for the week-end.

NO REVIEWS

The Weekly New York Cotton Market and U.S. Textile Market reviews were not received this morning.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Fight On For Commercial TV Licences

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 23.

One of the biggest behind-the-scenes battles going on at present is for the commercial TV licences.

For the last three weeks the Australian Broadcasting Control Board has been hearing evidence by people interested in getting the two licences granted to Sydney.

Organisations involved include just about every Sydney broadcasting station, every newspaper, radio manufacturing concerns and "Doc" Evatt and T.N.P. Dougherty on behalf of the Australian Labour Party and the powerful Australian Workers' Union.

Some of the biggest legal names in Sydney have been representing the various applicants before the Board and it is safe to assume that their fees have run into thousands of guineas a day.

It seems strange that all these people are so keen to get a licence for all have insisted to the Board that their losses in the first three years at least are going to run into thousands.

The applicants have also assured the Board that if they are given the licence they will give air time to the Labour Party, the Country Party, the Liberal Party, the churches, the Returned Soldiers and probably a dozen other organisations until one wonders when the public is going to get entertainment that isn't inspired by someone.

LOSSES CERTAIN

Points to come out of the evidence so far is that it will take at least £250,000 to establish a TV station in Sydney; that there definitely will be losses for up to three years and that TV in Sydney could be an established fact within 18 months of the word "go".

It is likely to be sometime, however, before the Board makes up its mind on the lucky applicant and around town the feeling is that there will be no TV until the beginning of 1958.

Sitting back and having a hearty laugh about all this is the Australian Broadcasting Commission which gets a licence without any fight and without any worry about costs or losses.

Tenders for the erection of the Sydney station close on April 13 and should be under way by the end of this year. It is certain that this will be another bill which must be paid by the public. Our present system costs one guinea for a listener's licence and it would not be surprising if this fee was not doubled when TV makes its Australian Broadcasting Commission its due. It is best prepared of all to give a TV service having conducted an experimental station of its own for the last few years.

TWO DISCOVERIES

Last weekend we went 300 miles north to a sleepy little tourist resort called Port Macquarie and learned two things that amazed us somewhat.

First was that our famed Pacific Highway—the State road that just about skirts the eastern coastline—would put a goat track to shame in some places. So narrow, bumpy, twisty and vicious was it in some places that at times we were convinced that we must have lost our way. One tourist swears he will not drive back to Sydney, but will walk the car. Locals put down the life of a car as "three trips to Sydney".

Second thing that rather stunned us was the money to be made out of beans and peas. Two brothers work their 100-acre property from March to October 12 hours a day and seven days a week, growing beans and peas in the warm winter climate, trucking them each night to Sydney and making a net profit of £20,000 in a bad season.

Secret is, of course, that they grow at a time when Sydney is paying through the nose for beans and peas.

The brothers import their bean seed from New Zealand and pea seed from South Africa and spend £4,000 a year on fertilisers.

During the summer months they also drive around in their big cars and give a thrifty chuckle when they think of us characters in the city.

Commonwealth and State Public Servants in the last month have been given huge

HK & WHAMPOA DOCK DIVIDEND

The Directors of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, announce that, subject to audit, they will recommend to the shareholders at the forthcoming ordinary yearly meeting the payment of a dividend of 22.00 per share, free of tax, in respect of the financial year ended December 31, 1954.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's so easy to park diagonally—I often wonder why so many other drivers don't do it too!"

Alleged Conspiracy: Submissions On Legal Point

Submissions on a point of law in regard to conspiracy, raised by the Court as well as by Counsel for fourth and fifth accused, were made by Crown Counsel when the trial of six persons on charges of alleged conspiracy in connection with resettlement area permits was continued before Judge A. D. Scholes in the Victoria District Court this morning.

Following the submissions, His Honour adjourned the case until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, when he will give his decision.

The six accused in the case are Cheung Kow-wah, Chong Chung-ying, Au Shu-sung, Ng Hau, So Ping-kung and Mary Daisy Wong, alias Wong Mang-tung.

All are charged with conspiracy to effect a public mischief in connection with the alleged procurement of resettlement area permits by dishonest means. Mary Daisy Wong was additionally charged with corruption. She was alleged to have given and offered bribes on two occasions to Urban Council Inspector Tam Ping-kwong.

Mr Arthur Lui, of Messrs Lo and Lo, is representing first three accused. Mr S. V. Gittins, instructed by Messrs P. H. Shiu and Co., is defending fourth and fifth. Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Messrs P. L. Lam and Co., is representing sixth accused.

Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Inspector P. R. Harris.

SUBMISSIONS

In his submissions this morning, Mr Mayne said that before the Court could find any particular accused guilty of conspiracy, it would have to find that the accused was guilty with one of the other persons at least named in the charge or in the particulars relating to the charge. It also had the effect of restricting the Prosecution to calling evidence which bore on the question as to whether there was a conspiracy between the persons named in the charge and in the particulars.

"In other words," said Mr Mayne, "where certain names are contained in a charge in the particulars, that does not mean that the Prosecution says that the accused did not conspire with others. There may be many other persons who took part in this conspiracy, but before a conviction can lie, it is necessary to show that the particular accused conspired either with some person named in the particulars, or with the law."

Dealing with the law, Mr Mayne said that the acts and declarations of a conspirator, in furtherance of a common design, were evidence against co-conspirators though it was not necessary for the Court to find that the particular accused was a conspirator.

He said that the evidence of the conspirators in the case was that the conspirators had

Woman Slain With Bread Knife

New York, Feb. 27.—A 28-year-old baker-killed his wife today with one thrust of a six-inch bread knife and then jumped from the roof of a six-story Brooklyn apartment house.

The baker, Francesco Nieves, probably was saved by a car that encased his back from hips to neck, doctors said. The car was put on a trolley after Nieves suffered an injury several weeks ago.

Detectives said Nieves became embroiled in a violent argument with his wife, Rosa, 31, while seeking to persuade her to have a fourth child. United Press.

MURDER OF POLICE CONSTABLE

Student Describes Secret Society Ceremony

The performance of certain rituals on his becoming a member of a society known as the 14-K was described by a 16-year-old student, Wong Wah-ling, when hearing of the trial of three men for the murder of a policeman on December 6 last resumed before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Paines Judge, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The rituals consisted of blood being drawn from his finger and dropped into some wine, a cock's head being chopped off, a bowl smashed with a knife, and he was made to walk through a large rattan loop, witness declared.

The accused are Yam Kwan-pak, alias Ah Kwan, 20, Ho Kwong-tung, alias Ah Tang, 24, and Yam Pak, alias Lan To-yea, 20. They are alleged to have murdered PC Lui Shing at Kowloon on December 6, last year.

It was also alleged by the Crown that they were members of a society known as "14 K". Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Crist, is representing first accused. Mr Leo Wing-kan is appearing for the second, instructed by Messrs Hastings and Co., and Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, is defending the third.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Chief Detective Inspector C. J. Askew.

The first witness this morning was Lui Wing-kong, 24, tailor, who said that towards the end of November last year he was playing a game of volleyball at the Pui Tung School Playground, in Chatham Road.

He was about to serve a ball when Wong Wah-ling who was playing basketball nearby struck the ball from his hand. Witness said he asked Wong Wah-ling to return the ball and Wong Wah-ling refused to do so.

Lui went on to say that he called to Wong to stop the abusive language and then struck him a blow with his fist. Wong continued using abusive language towards him, witness alleged.

SHORT FIGHT

It was a short fight, witness said. Wong left the playground, picked up a stone outside and threw it at him.

Shown a photograph of the deceased by Mr Percy Chen, witness said that he did not know the man.

Confirming the incident in the playground related by the last witness, a 10-year-old student Wong Wah-ling, said in evidence that he told a friend about this.

About a week later (December 4) he and this friend Yuen Kin-sun met the second accused and together they went to the playground for the purpose of looking for the last witness, Lui. They did not find him. The following day he saw Yuen again.

Mr Blair-Kerr: Did you go anywhere at all with him?

Witness: We went to a hut on the roof of a building in Yin Cheng Street, Mongkok, where we saw the first and second accused, and others I did not know.

AT THE HUT

What happened at that hut?—After I got there, the second accused punched my finger with a needle, let the blood drop into some wine. The second accused chopped off a cock's head with a knife. He also smashed a bowl with the knife. Lastly he told me to walk through a large rattan loop. Then he tore a piece of red paper from a wall and burned it.

Did the first accused do anything?—The first accused only wrote some characters on pieces of red paper.

What happened then?—When that was finished it was after 11 p.m. and we left.

What was all this about?—That was a ceremony for becoming a member of the society. Do you know the name of this society?—The 14-K.

Witness said he did not talk to either the two accused. He was however asked by the second accused to write down his name and the address.

On the morning of the following day (December 6), witness said that he, Yuen Kin-sun and the second accused went to the Hung Hom Playground at the junction of Wai Yuen Street and Chatham Road. They went there to look for the last witness, Lui.

PRESUPPOSING

Mr Blair-Kerr said that that form of question presupposed that the witness was lying.

Mr Chen said he was presupposing that and Crown Counsel suggested that it should be put to witness why he was lying.

His Lordship informed the Court interpreter that the Defence Counsel said witness was lying.

Witness replied: I saw first accused wearing that suit.

Mr Chen: What about this suit (another Court exhibit)?

Witness: Second accused was wearing that suit.

I put it to you that you are saying that you saw the first accused wearing that suit. Is that correct?

MP Lauds Hongkong's Vitality

London.

"Nothing strikes the traveller more than the throbbing vitality of Hongkong. The difficulties with which its Government and people have had to contend in recent years have been enormous, and the way in which they have been overcome is a tremendous credit to all."

So writes Mr Ralph Ashton, MP, leader of the recent UK Parliamentary delegation to Southeast Asia, in the current issue of the National Provincial Bank Review.

The most remarkable feature of post-war development in Hongkong, he says, has been the great increase of industrial capacity, which, as the Colony has hardly any primary products, is "a most amazing phenomenon."

This industrialisation was essential to the survival of the Colony's trade with China, but it had produced difficulties for countries like Britain with much older industries.

DO GREAT DAMAGE

"There is talk in England of undesirable trade practices," Mr Ashton continues. "These cases are few, but they do vast damage and the Government of Hongkong is determined to stamp out such malpractices."

Mr Ashton refers to allegations often heard in Britain that Hongkong has no industry, and that her exports are merely re-exports from foreign sources with a view to taking advantage of Imperial Preference. He quotes the Governor's reply that "this falsehood can be scotched principally by the practice of strict integrity in quality, marking and adherence to specifications."

Mr Ashton, whose constituency is in the cotton town of Blackburn, Lancashire, declares: "We in England sympathise with Hongkong in the difficulties she faces through the embargo on strategic materials and the heavy burden of her refugee population, but it is right that she should recognise our difficulties, too, especially in Lancashire."

Mr Ashton pays tribute to the Hongkong Legislative Council, whose members, mostly Chinese, "represent a high regard for culture." Problems of Government "are dealt with as expeditiously and successfully as anywhere in the world."

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MISLEADING

Mr Blair-Kerr suggested that the question was misleading. He said the witness was shown that particular suit (dark grey).

Witness said he said "grey, I did not say light grey."

You are suggesting that the learned Magistrate when he wrote down your answer was writing down something you did not say?—I don't know.

What you are saying is you are right and the learned Magistrate is wrong?—I don't know.

Now, you suggesting to this Court that the learned Magistrate instead of writing Exhibit 13 which would be this suit wrong, Exhibit 3 (this dark grey suit)?

Mr Blair-Kerr said that the witness could not answer the question of why the learned Magistrate did or did not do so.

His Lordship asked whether the witness could offer any explanation why the learned Magistrate wrote this down.

Witness said he did not know.

Mr Chen: Can you give any explanation?

Magistrate wrote down light grey when you said grey?—

Witness: I don't know how to explain.

Is the Pui Tung School also near to Wai Yuen Street?—Not very near. It takes about five minutes' walk.

Do you know the number of the house, the roof of which you went to?—I don't know.

Is it near the middle of the block?—No.

Near the end of the block?—Yes.

MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN

I put it to you that you never went on to the rooftop opposite to the Hung Hom Playground at all?—If I had not been up there I would not have seen him fighting.

Now, evidence here you said first accused wrote on pieces of red paper?—Yes.

I put it to you that before the learned Magistrate you did not say so. Well, I may have forgotten it.

You said one of the Chinese males who went together with the second accused wrote something on a number of pieces of red paper?—Yes.

You did not say he was the first accused?—Yes.

Cross-examined by Mr Leo, witness said that the blow struck by the last witness was a heavy blow. He did not know whether he was hurt or not as he did not consult a doctor.

Mr Leo: I suggest to you that that blow was a light one?—But you did not see him at all. But you did not see him at all. But you did not see him at all.

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